

*Amendments*

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

*Amendments to the Specification*

On page 1, first paragraph, please make the following change:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of US Application 09/861,330 filed 18 May 2001, now abandoned, which claimed priority of German Application No. 100 24 097.6-43 filed on 18 May 2000.

On page 5, lines 14-18, please make the following change:

The polyol component may consist of one or more polyols having a molecular weight (average) between 1,000 and 1,200 and an OH number between 20 and 112, wherein the mathematical product of the functionalities of the polyurethane-forming components is at least 5 or 6 (preferably 5.2) and the isocyanate characteristic lies between 15 and 60.